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## Chairman Kerry On The Typhoon Megi

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman John Kerry (D-MA) today released a statement in response to Typhoon Megi's landfall in the Philippines:

"I am saddened to hear of the loss of life and damage wrought by Typhoon Megi in the Philippines. As the storm -- one of the most powerful in decades -- moves across the South China Sea, our thoughts and prayers are also with the people of southern China who are bracing for Megi's impact. The United States is readying humanitarian assistance at the Philippines government's request, and U.S. troops and equipment currently in the Philippines are being diverted to assist with the recovery. Our ability to respond rapidly reaffirms the value of the close cooperation our two militaries share. The Filipino people are responding to this setback with their characteristic resilience, aided by the effective measures their government took to help prepare them for the storm."

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